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\$50,000,000 MORE CURRENCY

TO BE SECURED BY AN ISSUE OF PANAMA BONDS.

The Government Likely to Take Vigorous Action to Relieve the Money Stringeney -More Gold Engagements Announced and the Premium on Currency is Less.

WASHINGTON. Nov. 15 .- A plan under consideration by the Treasury Department and which is altogether likely to be adopted is calculated to relieve whatever money stringency remains in Eastern cities and the interior.

The Treasury Department, according to the plan, is to issue \$50,000,000 or thereabouts of Panama bonds. The bonds will be purchased by national banks throughout the country and the purchase money left on deposit in the banks until such time as the money stringency is relieved. Every bank purchasing the bonds will use them as security for circulation, with the net result that without straining the resources of the banks a particle there will be put into-circulation \$50,000,000 of new national bank notes.

It became known to-day after Secretary Cortelyou's return from New York that the Secretary conferred with New York bankers regarding the plan. All of them, it was said, would do everything in their power, both-by deed and counsel to carry the plan into effect. It is undertood also that bankers in the interior vill gladly cooperate with the Treasury Department in making the plan operative. There are reasons to believe that while Secretary Cortelyou has not given the plen the stamp of definite approval he regards it with great favor.

From the standpoint of the Government the plan was said by various Government officials to be not only feasible and practical as a measure of relief for the entire country but also good business practice. At various previous times in the course of the year it has been reported that the Government was contemplating a new issue of Panama bonds, for it has been understood that the Government would require additional funds on the Panama Canal work before the expiration of this year or early in 1908.

Very likely the Treasury Department has watched opportunities for a Panama bond flotation for some time but has refrained from putting out the bonds for the reason that market conditions were unsatisfactory. While, of course, conditions are far from satisfactory in the general bond market now, the plan as outlined would, it is believed, both relieve these conditions and permit a satisfactory flota-

Although details of the plan have not been perfected, it is believed that the Governnent could leave on deposit with the banks for several weeks most of the money paid by them for the bonds. The Government could then gradually call the money as desired the funds for use on the Isthmus and as the continuing improvement in the general situation brought more and more currency from abroad and from hiding places in this country.

There are now outstanding of Panama bonds. The bonds were auhorized by acts of Congress signed in June, 1902, and December, 1905, and the only bonds issued under the authorization were sold by Secretary Shaw last year.

The Secretary got a price above 104 for them, but the price was obtained both by leaving a part of the purchase money in the purchasing banks and by placing in banks which took them Government deposits as security for the bonds. No such high price is expected now on account of the change in general monetary conditions, but it is noteworthy that Secretary Shaw's purchase money constitutes a precedent for the action now under consideration

Since the passage of the gold standard act in 1900 national banks have been allowed to take out circulation to the par value of the bonds securing the circulation. In case \$50,000,000 bonds are issued there can accordingly be taken out \$50,000,000 of new circulation. For purposes of circulation Government bonds are now in very scant supply, the price of all Governments having advanced sharply since Comptroller of the Currency Ridgely made his appeal to banks to take out additional circulation. The Comptroller announced to-day that the currency actually shipped since his announcement of about a fortnight ago was \$20,642,800. No great amount in addition, it is believed, can be taken out without a new issue of Government bonds.

It was also said at the Treasury Department to-day that the amount of Government deposits withdrawn from New York banks was not in excess of \$5,000,000. The reason for the withdrawals was that the working cash balance in the Treasury had become depleted to such an extent that the cash actually in the Treasury vaults and not on deposit in national banks was at the close of business yesterday but a little more than \$7,000,000

The events of yesterday that attracted attention in the New York money market were a sharp decline in the premium on currency and additional gold engagements to the amount of \$6,175,000. The diminution in the demand for currency was entirely unexpected by money brokers, for the reason that Friday, the day when most payrolls are made up, is ordinarily the day of the week on which the currency premium is highest. The amount of the new gold engagements was also surprisingly large. The engagements brought the total for the movement, according to a careful estimate,

Currency was in rather brisk demand in the morning, selling freely at 2% to 3 per ent. In the middle of the day it was weaker at 2½ per cent. with the demand much slacker. Toward the close much more money than was in demand was offered at rates ranging between 2 and 214 per cent. For the first time since the premium was established brokers refused to accept currency in less than \$500 lots. The rush secure the premium on the part of holders of small sums had created in the offices of loan brokers a stampede that made such action necessary. It was predicted in important banking quarters that next week would see the last of the

The gold engagements were made by the following bankers: Lazard Frères, \$3,500,000; Seaboard National Bank, \$500,000; Auhn, Loeb & Co., \$1,500,000; Heidelbach, by M

Ickelheimer & Co., \$575,000; National City | JERSEY PAYMASTER HELD UP The known movements of money show that the banks have sent to the interior this week more than \$21,000,000, of which

about \$11,000,000 has been transferred through the Sub-Treasury. This very substantial aid to interior cities was one of the prime causes for the relaxation in the currency premium yesterday. At the same time it will be reflected in the bank statement to-day. Estimates in regard to the bank statement were confusing and perplexed on account of the complicated nature of the money movements of the week.

GREAT DEMAND FOR CHECKS.

Chicago Clearing House Unable to Get Them Printed Fast Enough.

CRICAGO Nov. 15.-The demand for Clearing House checks is three times as great as the supply. Inquiries showed that the demand for the checks reaches far beyond the city, but appeals from outside banks for any of the scrip were temporarily put aside in order to meet as rapidly as possible the local demand When this is taken care of surrounding towns will be supplied.

Seven hundred thousand dollars in Clearing House checks has been supplied to the Clearing House Association to-day by the engravers. Each note must be signed by an assistant secretary of the Clearing House, duly appointed, before it is of any value. and as fast as these signatures are affixed the checks will be distributed.

· Because of the present inadequate quantity of checks much discretion was exercised among the banks in paying them ut. Efforts were made to accomm as fully as possible those merchants who had found difficulty in handling their pay rolls by the use of their individual checks and who saw in the Clearing House checks an easy way out of their troubles

TO OPEN TWELFTH WARD BANK. Depositors Sign an Agreement and the

Van Nordens Come to the Rescue. A meeting of the depositors of the suspended Twelfth Ward Bank who bacin's agreed to the suggestion of the directors to sign off 75 per cent. of their deposite for four months was held last night. At this meeting, presided over by John H. Shipway, enough additional promises were secured to ensure the opening of the bank

next Tuesday. Counsel for the bank announced that Warner Van Norden and W. M. Van Norden had advanced \$900,000 to aid in opening the bank. The Van Nordens secure the majority of stock of the bank, which has been scattered heretofore. The bank will be independent of the Van Norden Trust Company. The present officers of the bank will continue in charge.

BANKING LAWS ANTIQUATED.

Italian Financier Wants France to Call International Gold Conference.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. VIENNA, Nov. 15.-Considerable attention has been attracted in financial circles to an article in the News Freie Proses, writeten by Signor Luzzatti, Italy's foremost financial authority, who was formerly Minister of the Treasury, urging the summoning of an international conference on the gold crisis. He proposes that the treasuries and the leading banks of the world be represented, and that the deleissue and reform them

Signor Luzzatti believes the statutes are out of date and that they make all money crises worse This, he says, is particularly true of America and England. The antique regulations of the Bank of England decrease the gold basis

Joint stock banks ought to increase their reserves and not rely alone upon the Bank of England, which no longer governs the money market and is on the point of losing its monetary autonomy because its metal

basis is too small. The conference, Signor Luzzatti holds, action in leaving in banks a portion of the should promote an international agreement among the world's chief banks for reciprocal loans of gold so as to prevent rivalry. He suggests that Austria and Italy jointly ask France, as the chief banking power of the world, to summon the conference.

MRS. CURTISS OUTWITS COURT. Comes to New York and Cannot Be Got Back to Connecticut.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Nov. 15 .- Mrs. Julia Watt Morris Curtiss was ordered by Probate Judge Nobbs this afternoon to appear on Friday, November 22, and purge herself of the charges of her conservators, John C. Shaw of New York and Judge Elmore S. Banks of Fairfield, that she has yiolated the Court's order by making the Plaza Hotel. in New York city her permanent residence. She was permitted to visit New York for a few days and once outside of Connecticut

she resolved to stay. The principal witness this afternoon was Mrs. Backert, who has been acting as companion to Mrs. Curtiss, under direction of her conservators. She testified that Mrs. Curtiss has apartments at the Plaza Hotel, that she went out every evening and returned about 12 or 1 o'clock and sometimes not util the next day. She testified that Mrs. Curtiss would not permit her to occupy the same apartments and had changed the

locks on her doors. Judge Banks, one of the conservators. estified that he had visited Mrs. Curtiss's Fighty-ninth street residence and had discharged Mr. and Mrs. Brennan, who are in charge of the house, on the ground that their relations with Mrs. Curtiss were to her detriment, but that Mrs. Curtiss had

reemployed them. The conservators have been kept busy paying her bills out of the proceeds of her estate while she receives and spends of her own accord large sums paid to her personally from the Watt estate.

Mrs. Curtiss was not at the hearing today, but was represented by Attorney Jerrold of New York. The Court said there was no law to compel her to come into Connecticut again, but he promised her lawyer that if she would attend the hearing next Friday he would give her permission to return to New York and make no effort to detain her.

Marconi Wireless Station Burned. NANTUCKET, Mass., Nov. 15 .- Fire destroyed the Marconi wireless telegraph station at Siasconset early this morning. The cause cannot be learned owing to lac of communication.

Concert at Calvary M. E. Church.

The well known Kaltenborn String Quartet will give a Concert under the auspices of the Epworth League in Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church. 128th street and Seventh avenue, on Tuesday evening next. November 19th., The quartet will be assisted by Mr. Reed Miller, tenor soloist.—Adv.

\$7.500 NEAR PASSAIC.

Covered by Guns as He Came Up a Lonely Road and Tied to a Tree-Three of the Highwaymen Caught, but the Fourth Got Away With the Stolen Money.

PASSAIC, N. J., Nov. 15 .- Four armed talians at 2 o'clock this afternoon held up William Knapp, paymaster of the Worthen and Aldrich Company, bleachers, of Delawanna, and robbed him of \$7,500. The robbery was committed at a lonely spot on the river drive, on the outskirts of Passaic.

Knapp was riding in a carriage and accompanied by Parks Cummings, a driver. The paymaster was armed with a revolver. but the driver was without a weapon. They were on their way from the Hobart Trust Company in this city, where the weekly payroll of the company and the Manhattan Print Works, a branch concern, had been made out - by Treasurer Albert W. Shaw and the money, amounting to almost \$10,000. had been placed in a satchel and given to Knapp.

After leaving nearly \$3,000 at the Manhattan Print Works in Passaic Knapp started for Delawanna. A short distance from the Passaic city line a small stream runs under the river drive. As he approached that Knapp saw a man walking across the culvert. When the wagon was within a few feet of the brook the man looked over the wall guarding the culvert and signalled.

Instantly three men carrying rifles joined him. The guns were levelled at the men in the carriage and the man first seen at the culvert pulled paymaster and drive out of the carriage. Then he took the money satchel and started for the Union a enue bridge over the Passaic River. While he was hurrying away his three accomplices tied Knapp and Cummings to a tree and kept them covered fully fifteen minutes, giving the man with the money ample time to escape. Then the three left, running toward the residence

Mrs. William Heather, who lives on the river drive near the scene of the holdup, saw the work of the robbers and went to the nome of Thomas Foxhall in Brook avenue and telephoned to police headquarters. Meanwhile the captive men worked loose and Knapp ran half a mile to the home of Leonard Wolf, in Howard street, to telephone to the police. After sending his

message he fainted. A half dozen policemen were sent after the Italians in a patrol wagon and an automobile. The automobile took a short cut and at Passaic and Ayorigg avenues came upon three Italians. Two of them fired at the men in the car and the policemen returned the fire. Patrolman Benjamin F. Turner jumped from the auto and pursued one of the men, capturing him after a short chase. He handcuffed his man, jumped into a carriage and pursued another Italian. catching him after a run of two blocks. The third was chased several blocks in the automobile and was caught after falling

The highwayman with the satchel conaining the money ran a short distance down Union avenue after crossing the Passaic River and entered a dense wood. He emerged on the river road in Fast Rutherford after travelling about a mile and jumped into a delivery wagon that thrust the satchel into a bag and took a oad toward Passaic. Soon after he turned off, however, and from there the authorities have been unable to trace him.

In the police station the Italians said they were Philip Deprimo, a laborer, 27 years old, of "Sixty-ninth street, New York": Frank Demarco of 242 East 109th street, New York, and Castano Cigno, a barber, 28 years old, of 316 East Twelfth street, New York. One of the three was identified as a former employee of the Worthen & Aldrich concern, and the robbery is thought to have been planned by him. On the other two Italians were found return tickets from here to New York on the Erie Railroad dated to-day. It is supposed they intended joining the fourth man in New York and that they were on the way to the station when arrested. The three were put through the "third degree," but they didn't tell who the man who got away with the money was

FOUND BURGLARS HIDING.

Policeman Goes Into a Store for Thier Who Were Looting It. Policeman John Curran of the Delancey

street station while patrolling on Grand street early yesterday morning noticed that the iron bars protecting a window in an alley at 38? Grand street had been cut and bent. The window inside the bars had also been broken and raised.

Calling to his assistance Policemen Phelan and Reidmeyer, whom he stationed outside, Curran crawled through the window into the millinery store of Jacob Tenenbaum. He struck a light and found two men crouching under a counter. Beside them lay a pipe cutter, a jimmy, an oil can and a wrench. Ostrich plumes worth \$400 were already packed for removal. The two thieves gave their names as Frank Roberts, 23 years old 108 East 103d street, and Joseph Bruno, 24, 315 East 109th street. They were arraigned yesterday before Magistrate Finn in the Essex Market court. The Magistrate complimented Curran talling him it was "the best

prisoners were held in \$5,000 bail HELD FOR SMUGGLING. Members of a Firm Looking for a Salesman

mented Curran, telling him it was "the best collar" he had heard of in a long time. Both

Who Had Been Locked Up. Two men called at Police Headquarters last night and asked if the police had under arrest S. A. Montaney, 82 years old, a salesman for Daly & Schaeffer, Incorporated dealers in laces at 19 West Thirty-fourth street. No such man was on record and the men left.

S. A. Montaney was arrested at the Continental Hotel, Broadway and Twentieth street, by a Secret Service officer. He was to have met the members of the firm at the hotel, where Montaney has lived for several years. One of the bellboys informed the callers that Montaney had been kidnapped by two detectives and it was that information which sent them to Police Headquarters.

Headquarters.
At the Tombs prison it was said that
Montaney had been arrested on a United
States warrant and that he was charged
with smuggling. No details were known
at the prison. He will be arraigned before
United States Commissioner Shields this

LEADERS PLAN TO SHELVE BRY AN Reported That Conference Looking to That

End is to Meet To-day. FOUR ITALIANS ROBBED HIM OF

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich Nov. 15.—Many Democratic leaders are expected to meet here within the next forty-eight hours to devise means of shelving W J. Rovan and preventing his nomination on the Democratic ticket.

Charles F. Murphy of Tammany is here and Tom Johnson of Cleveland is expected on Saturday. It is also said that National Committeeman Taggart of Indiana and Roger Sullivan of Illinois and State Chairnan Conners of New York have been summoned for the conference.

Murphy absolutely refuses to discuss

It is said that the leaders are determined that Bryan shall be driven out of the race and that plans are to be made to induce some other Democrat to make the run.

MAURETANIA SAILS TO-DAY. Brings 2,000 Passengers and Millions

Gold-New Record Expected. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Nov. 15 .- The new Cunard teamer Mauretania will start from Liver pool about 7 o'clock to-morrow evening on her first transatlantic passage. The event is awaited with interest that is at least as keen as that which attended the Lusitania's

maiden departure. The recent trials of the Mauretania established the conviction that she will eclipse the Lusitania's record, notwithstanding the official announcement that she will not be pressed. There is intense feeling on this point among the shipbuilding interests of the Tyne and the Clyde, the former hugging the anticipation of lowering the colors of the Scottish builders by outpacing their record breaker with a Type built ship.

About two thousand passengers will go on the Mauretania. This, although all the berths will not be filled, will make a record number going westward in mid-November. The big amount of gold she will take to the United States adds another interest to the

voyage. The amount is as yet uncertain because is expected that she will carry about \$13. 750,000. About \$3,000,000 of this amount was bought from South African mining companies through London brokers at 78 shillings, which includes brokerage, assay and other costs. The metal was refined this week. It goes in the form of gold bars.

There is also \$1,785,000 worth of bar gold bought from the Bank of England and \$2,920,000 in American eagles. More will go to Liverpool on a special train to-morrow. Insurance brokers are looking to a rich harvest from this specie, some at least of which is charged as high as that carried by the Lusitania, namely 7 and 6 per cent. The Cunard company has insured the Mauretania for nearly \$5,000,000.

CITY SELLING OFF HOUSES. East Siders Get Bargains in Junk on Man

hattan Bridge Terminal Site. The city sold yesterday about half of the uildings on the site for the terminal of the new Manhattan Bridge, which is bounded by the Bowery and South street, Bayard and small change inside. He was on the point a Market and Auctioneer Bryan L. Kennelly, representing the city, sold all the houses from the Bowery to Madison street for prices that ranged

Mr. Kennelly rode around in a carriage and stood in front of each house as he sold it. The sale began at 9 A. M. and at 3 P. M. seemed to have been waiting for him. He Mr. Kennelly announced that it would be resumed on Monday at 9 A. M.

Many East Siders were out yesterday eager to buy the condemned buildings. The buildings must be torn down and the junk removed by the middle of January. All the tenants will have to vacate by December 1, as the purchasers have been ordered to begin tearing down the houses

CUBAN CENSUS COMPLETE. Probably 2,000,000 Inhabitants in

Island-Preparing Voting Lists. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. HAVANA, Nov. 15 .- The census enumeration terminated last night. It will probably show 2,000,000 inhabitants.

Director Olmstead is now devoting all his energies to tabulate the returns in such a fashion as to perfect the electoral registration lists. This is taken as evidence that Washington wishes to hold the municipal elections at the earliest date possible. No one expects, however, that they will be held if they are successful, the national elec-

At present there is no political activity. The various factions of the Liberals are seemingly awaiting the census results. Doubtless many of the names registered will be challenged, thus entailing a long delay before the lists are approved.

tions will be held.

LEES JURY CAN'T AGREE. No Verdict in Suit Against Interborough for \$100,000

The jury before Justice Hendrick in the Supreme Court that had listened all week to the conflicting testimony in the suit brought by Bertha Lees against the Inter-borough Rapid Transit Company to recover '3100,000 for the death of William Lees, "310,000 for the death of william Lees, who was killed in an accident on the Nirth avenue elevated in October, 1905, reported yesterday to Justice Hendrick that it had been unable to agree on a verdict although locked up from 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon till midnight. noon till midnight.

The railroad company tried to show that the plaintiff had no claim as the widow of Lees because she already had a husband living. She maintained that her first husband had disappeared seven years before she married again. The missing husband was produced in court and swore that he met his wife within five years of her marriage to Lees.

FOR DIRECT NOMINATIONS.

Delegations From Brooklyn and Utlea Urge Gov. Hughes to Recommend It. ALBANY, Nov. 15 .- Senator Eugene M. Travis, Darwin R. James, Jr., president of Travis, Darwin R. James, Jr., president of the Young Republican Club of Brooklyn, and Representative George E. Waldo had a talk with Gov. Hughes to-day with the object of having the Governor strongly reiterate in his annual message to the Legislature in January the necessity for direct nominations legislation. They favor a permissive law for the whole State. A delegation from the Utica Chamber of Commerce, headed by James S. Mahar, also conferred with the Governor in favor of a mandatory direct nominations law applying to the whole State.

After all, USHER'S the Sector

BURGLAR'S SHOTS MISSED HIM

HARRIS G. BEST HAS A CLOSE CALL AT HIS HOME.

Thief's Builets Nearly Hit Him When He Opened the Door-Two Young Men With Revolvers Chase the Thief on the Roof-He Escapes Through a Scuttle.

When Harris G. Best, who lives on the third floor of an apartment house at 518 West 148th street, opened the front door of his flat a few minutes after 8 o'clock last night he looked through into a bedroom beyond the dining room and saw the reflection of a man's face in a mirror. Best jumped back and slammed the door just as a bullet buried itself in the wainscoting. "I thought so!" yelled Best, for he had seen jimmy marks on the heavy oak door just above the lock. "Jump into Mrs. Reynolds's apartment," he called to his

is a burglar in our rooms." Mrs. Best and the child hurried into the apartment across the hall, doors opened on the hall above, and there was an uproar in the house. Then Best, with no weapon on him, opened the door again. A second time the pistel of the burglar barked and this time the bullet clipped Best's clothing as it sped under his left arm and lodged in the door jamb. The burglar thought it was getting too hot for him in Best's apartments stairs to the floors above on the jump.

wife and the little child of the Reynoldses,

who had been out walking with him. "There

On the fourth floor Mrs. Elizabeth Smith and her two sons, Curtis and Ivan, live. One of the boys had jumped to the telephone and notified Police Headquarters the minute he heard the first shot and lest's shout. Just as both of the young men were coming out of their flat with revolvers in their hands the burglar flew by them and climbed the ladder leading from the ball to the skylight in the roof.

"Hey, stop him!" came the yell from downstairs. One of the Smith boys fired at the burglar's legs as they disappeared through the scuttle. The shot missed. Then the two young men went up the ladder after the intruder. It was dark on the roof. They knew that the man they were after had a gun with him and would use it on a hair trigger. They went across the roof of their house to that of the next and then the next and found no burglar.

When Capt. Kreuscher of the West 152d treet station got the notice from Headquarters he took the reserves and charged around to 148th street on the run. The street was filled with excited people Kreuscher took his men through Best's flat to the roof and then found the two Smith boys sitting on the edge of an open skylight on the roof of the Del Monte apartments, six houses away from their own. They had searched all the roofs scalable and had found this scuttle open.

The police searched all the houses cellars within a radius of a block but could find no burglar. The only thing he got from the Bests was a gold watch valued at about \$80 and a lady's purse with some open a trunk right at his side i Best's bedroom which contained about \$1,000 worth of silverware when he was discovered.

ENTANGLING DRUCE WITNESS. Caldwell, the Affidavit Maker, Mixes His Dates on Cross-Examination.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, Nov. 15 .- The case in the Mary lebone police court in which George Holamby Druce, claimant of a portion of the Portland estates, accuses his half-brother, Herbert Druce, of perjury was resumed to-day. L. Atherley-Jones, counsel for the defence, occupied the day in a searching cross-examination of Robert Caldwell with out eliciting any startling facts.

Caldwell, who testified last week that the late fifth Duke of Portland also passed as T. C. Druce and was the grandfather of the claiment, displayed considerable skill and many times proved as smart as his examiner, though the latter was successful on several occasions in showing that the witness was contradicting himself in the matter of dates, thus throwing considerable doubt on his evidence.

The court room was again crowded to day, many notables and fashionably dressed women occupying seats.

In answer to questions by Horace Avory of counsel for the defence, Caldwell testified earlier than July, six months after which, that he was married in Ireland after returning from India in 1864, while Mr. Avory produced a certificate showing that the ceremony occurred in 1861. Caldwell, who was in the witness box all day, also testified that Thomas Charles Druce did not die in December, 1864, as alleged by the defendants. Avory's policy seemed to be to pin Caldwell down to specific statements, which, it is conjectured, he will try later to prove

NEW HARTJE LETTER FILED. Mrs. Hartje Alleged to Have Written This

One to Tom Madine's Mother. PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 15.—Attorneys J. Scott Ferguson and John Marron of Pittsburg to-day filed another and supplementary petition with the Superior Court for the reopening of the case of Augustus Hartje, who is appealing against the decision of Judge Robert S. Frazier, who refused him a divorce from his wife, Mary Scott Hartie

This latest petition is based on alleged new evidence, which consists principally of a letter which Mrs. Hartje is alleged to have written to Mrs. James Madine, the mother of Thomas Madine, the coachman

The letter purports to be a friendly communication from Mrs. Hartje to Mrs. Maddine, written to cheer the latter up over Tom's failure to go to Ireland to visit her. PITTSBURG, Nov. 15.—In an interview to-day Mrs. Hartje declared the letter filed for her husband to be "the worst forgers." to-day Mrs. Hartje declared the letter filed for her husband to be "the worst forgery yet," and declares she will have no difficulty in proving that she did not even know that Madine had a mother. Yesterday Mrs. Hartje was notified that the letter would be filed, and she spent to-day with her attorneys preparing a reply. attorneys preparing a reply.

laska Republicans Declare for Taft. JUNEAU, Alaska, Nov. 15 .- The indorsement of William H. Taft for the Presidency and a ringing demand for home rule are the salient features of the platform reported at to-day's session of the Alaskan Repub-

PRINCE KILLED PRINCE.

Duel Between Brother of Queen Magarita of Italy and a Bayarian. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

VIENNA, Nov. 15 .- The Neues Wiener Journal, referring to the death three days ago of Prince Arnulf of Bavaria, says he did not die of pneumonia as officially stated, but from a sword wound received in a duel with the Duke of Genoa, brother of ex-Queen Margarita of Italy.

The duel, the paper adds, was fought at Murano, near Venice. The Prince was fatally wounded in the second bout. He was taken to a hotel, where he died in a few

WON'T ACCEPT CANCELLATIONS. U. S. Steel Corporation Will Hold Custon

to Their Contracts PITTSBURG, Nov. 15 .- The United States Steel Corporation has served notice on all those who have set about to cancel orders for iron or steel that such cancellations will not be accepted, that in certain cases they may be considered purely as postponements, but under no consideration will cancellations be allowed.

Official notice to this effect was received in Pittsburg to-day from the New York office and created much satisfactory comment in business circles, where it was taken as a master move on the part of the corporation to check a feeling that financial conditions are to remain as bad as they

RUSSIAN NAVAL DISASTER.

and rushed out into the ball and took the Fire in Baltie Dockyard Destroys Gunboats and Buildings.

> Special Cable Despatch to THE SEN ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 15 .- A fire in the Baltic shipbuilding yard to-day destroyed two gunboats and several buildings and slips in which warships were built.

> Two more gunboats and other property were greatly damaged.

FAIRBANKS HERE ON FOOTBALL With a Son in Yale and One in Princeton

for Whom Will He Cheer? Vice-President Fairbanks came to this city yesterday and it is understood that he will remain here until Monday. He is at the Waldorf-Astoria. Cards sent to the Vice-President last night were returned with the message that he could not

Mr. Fairbanks has a son at Yale and a son at Princeton, and according to one of his friends last night he is here to attend the football game between the two universities at New Haven.

GEN. WHEELER'S DAUGHTER SUES.

s Administratrix She Asks \$117,623 From McLean Arms and Ordnance Co. CLEVELAND, Nov. 15 .- Suit was brought o-day by Miss Lucy Wheeler for \$117.625 alleged to be due to the late Gen. Joseph Wheeler from the McClean Arms and Ord nance Company as salary and expenses in

his capacity of president until his death. Miss Wheeler is a daughter and the adninistratrix of the estate of Gen. Wheeler. The allegation is made that Gen. Wheeler yielded to persuasion in July, 1901 and until his death, January 25, 1906; that he

obtained financial aid for the concern and spent \$9,000 in expenses without receiving a The company, through S. M. McClean. inventor and general manager, declares Gen. Wheeler received as salary \$28,000 in stock and that the heirs offered to settle for \$60,000 more in stock, which the directors

refused to issue, offering instead \$25,000 in stock. "In his life Gen. Wheeler was perfectly satisfied with his remuneration," said Mr

NO LACK OF CASH IN CUBA.

Bankers Don't Take Money Offered by Gov Magoon-Sugar Crop Short. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. HAVANA, Nov. 15 .- The bankers are not taking the loan of \$5,000,000 offered by Gov. Magoon. This circumstance is taken to show that the country has plenty of

The sugar crop this year will probably be one-fifth less than it was last year owing to the drought.

RUNAWAY CAR IN TUNNEL. Four Men Injured Stightly in One of

Tubes From the Battery. One of a train of cars going down grade toward midriver got loose in the Battery tunnel about 6 o'clock last night and crashed into a stationary car, with the result that four men who were working on the track were bruised by the coment with which the car was laden. No one was hurt seri-

The accident was caused through the

parting of a cable. \$15,280,625 PROFIT IN THREAD.

J. & P. Coats Co. Declares 20 Per Cent. Stock Dividend and a 10 Per Cent. Bonus. PROVIDENCE, Nov. 15 .- The yearly statement of the J. & P. Coats Company, Limited of Pawtucket, issued to-day, shows that

the concern has passed through the most successful year in its history.

The statement, which is up to and including June 30, shows that the profits of the thread company for the year amounted to \$15,280,625. It was also announced that a stock dividend of 20 per cent. will be declared and that a 10 per cent. bonus will be given to the stockholders.

Hummel and Frank Disbarred. The Appellate Division of the Supreme

Court yesterday disbarred Abraham H. Hummel and Alpheus S. Frank. Hummel was convicted of a misdemeano in trying to defeat the ends of justice in the Dodge-Morse divorce scandal. Frank was convicted of perjury in connection with a real estate transaction.

Skyscraper Fire Put Out Easily.

A fire eighteen stories in the air on the roof of the Maiden Lane Building, at the southeast corner of Broadway and Maiden lane, was seen from the street below last night by Policeman Schoenfeld. There was only one alarm and when the firemen got there they used the standpipes in the building, which put the fire out at once.

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BARNEY, DYING, MADE A WILL

LEFT ALLTO WIFE BUT ARRANGED TO INCORPORATE ESTATE.

Lawyer Tells of His Long Struggle to Arrange His Affairs Before the End Came -Prount Benials of an Interview Attributed to A. Foster Higgins-Harburger Sticks to the Suicide Theory-Accident, Mr. Barney's Doctor Insists.

Charles T. Barney, who shot himself at his home, Park avenue and Thirtyeighth street, on Thursday morning, made a will while he was still conscious after the shooting and before the operation was performed by the doctors in the effort to save his life. By this will his widow gets what remains of his fortune after all his obligations have been paid. According to the statement made by his lawyers, this ought to amount to \$2,500,000. At least that is the amount, they say, by which his

assets ought to exceed his liabilities. For nearly an hour and a half following the shooting, and while he was suffering intensely, Mr. Barney talked with his lawyers about his affairs, signed many important papers, told of the will he wanted make and finally, when this had been drawn up by the lawyers at his bedside. affixed his name to it and saw it witnessed. Not until all this had been attended to did the doctors administer the anæsthetia. He died on the operating table.

"It was the act of a brave man," said one of the lawyers yesterday in commenting on the case

In the hour and a half that Mr Barney was thus attending to his affairs he talked intelligently and rationally in spite of the pain that he was in The lawyers say that he was absolutely competent to make a will and that Mr. Barney's purpose primarily in making it was to facilitate as much as he could the pay nent of his creditors in accordance with the plan that had already been decided upon.

DESTROYED AN ELABORATE WILL. At the time that he shot himself there was no will in existence. Mr. Barney had made a will some years ago, at a time when he believed himself to be worth at least \$9,000,000. This will was the usual elaborate locument of a man with that much wealth to dispose of. In it a number of trust funds were created and a lot of beneficiaries were named.

This will Mr. Barney had destroyed with his own hand. It was kept in his house. Just when he destroyed it his lawyers say they don't know, but a member of the firm of Masten & Nichols said that he believed it was prior to the suspension of the Knicker. bocker Trust Company. The reasons Mr. Barney had for destroying this will by his own hand his lawyers did not disclose.

Mr. Barney knew of the efforts that his lawyer and other persons interested were making to settle with his creditors and he knew of the plan by which a corporation was to be formed for this purpose. This plan would have practically been de feated and the settlement of his rather involved affairs been made exceedingly ifficult and cumbersome had Mr. Barn died intestate. Apparently Mr. Barney realized this the moment he had shot him-

Almost the first persons he asked for when his family reached him were his lawyers, and they were immediately sent for.

THE LAWYERS' STORY. The circumstances under which the dying banker made the will under which his wife becomes sole legatee were related by Arthur H. Masten, his lawyer, yesterday. Mr. Masten and his partner, Mr. Nichols, were in their office when the telephone message came from the house of what had happened and urging them to come at once. They got there after Mr. Barney had been placed on the bed. Dr. Dixon, the family physician, was there,

and so was Dr. Stimson "The doctors told us," said Mr. Masten, "that it was impossible to tell just how seriously Mr. Barney was hurt until they had placed him on the operating table and had tried to find the bullet. They said that if the bullet had penetrated the abdominal cavity he would probably go. Mr. Barney, although in pain, was perfeetly conscious and rational. We con fined our talk entirely to his business affairs and did not ask him once about the shooting. He signed many papers and then the will. This was a very brief one, as might be expected. It simply left everything to Mrs. Barney. It was drawn up in the house, and after Mr. Barney had

signed it we left." When the lawyers reached the house they did not have with them all of the papers it was necessary for Mr. Barney to sign and had to telephone down to their office for them to be sent up to them. Part of the time the lawyers spent in another room, but they made frequent trips to Mr. Barney's bedside to consult with him. The will was written out in long hand, taken in to Mr. Barney, who read it over and expressed his approval of it and then signed it. Just who witnessed this will the lawyers refused to say yesterday. They said that it was not customary to make public such details until after the funeral. The will will be made public after Mr. Barney has been buried

and will be offered at once for probate. THE ESTATE TO BE INCORPORATED.

It was made known by the lawyers that this will provides for a number of executors The estate, it is understood, is to be incorporated, the trustees to act as the trustees of the corporation. Thus the plan which had been accepted by most of the creditors is in effect carried out in the will.

It was a few minutes after 11 o'clor when the lawyers reached the Bay house. They left a little before 1 o'clor At the time they left they had no idea that Mr. Barney was in danger of immediate death. They thought that he might live several days. When Mr. Nichols received a telephone message that he was dead it was almost as great a shock to him as the first message had been. Mr. Nichols said that he went back to the house immediately and that it was he who called up the Coroner This was a little after 3 o'clock. Mr. Nichols said that he did not know who had notified the District Attorney, although he said such a message might have come from his

"As to the manner in which Mr. Berney met his death," said Mr. Nichols, "I do not know from anything Mr. Barney said to me. I had no word with him on the subject."

One of the lawyers was asked yesterday,